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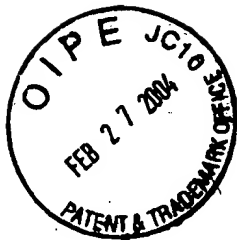
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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, it is requested that the following references, which are also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, be made of record in the above-identified case.


1. U.S. Patent No. 5,042,027, issued August 20, 1991 to Takase, et al.;
2. European Patent Application No. EP 0 858 189 A2, dated August 12, 1998; and
3. Apostolopoulos, et al., "Implementation and Performance Measurements of QoS Routing Extensions of OSPF", INFOCOM '99, EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL JOINT CONFERENCE OF THE IEEE COMPUTER AND COMMUNICATIONS SOCIETIES PROCEEDINGS, IEEE, NEW YORK, March 21, 1999, pp. 680-688.

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Inasmuch as this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted in accordance with the schedule set out in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), no petition, certification or fee is required.

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